

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Institute of Standards and Technology

Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request

The Department of Commerce will submit to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for clearance the following proposal for collection of information under the provisions of the Paperwork Reduction Act (44 U.S.C. Chapter 35).

Agency: National Institute of Standards and Technology (NIST).

Title: NIST Generic Clearance for Program Evaluation Data Collections.

OMB Control Number: #0693-0033.

Form Number(s): None.

Type of Request: Regular submission (revision and extension of a currently approved information collection.)

Number of Respondents: 40,000.

Average Hours Per Response: Varied dependent upon the individual data collection.

Response time could be 2 minutes for a response card or 1 hour for a more structured collection instrument. The overall average response time is expected to be 30 minutes.

Burden Hours: 20,000.

Needs and Uses: In accordance with Executive Order 12862, the National Institute of Standards and Technology (NIST), a non-regulatory agency of the Department of Commerce (DoC),

proposes to conduct a number of surveys both quantitative and qualitative-designed to evaluate our

current program evaluation data collections by means of, but not limited to, focus groups, reply cards

that accompany product distributions, and Web-based surveys and dialogue boxes that offer customers

an opportunity to express their views on the programs they are asked to evaluate. NIST will limit its

inquires to data collections that solicit strictly voluntary opinions and will not collect information that is

required or regulated. Steps will be taken to assure anonymity covered under this request.

Affected Public: Business or other for profit organizations, not-for-profit institutions,

individuals or households, Federal government, State, Local or Tribal Government.

Frequency: On occasion.

Respondent's Obligation: Voluntary.

This information collection request may be viewed at reginfo.gov. Follow the instructions to

view Department of Commerce collections currently under review by OMB.

Written comments and recommendations for the proposed information collection should be sent within

30 days of publication of this notice to OIRA_Submission@omb.eop.gov or fax to (202) 395-5806.

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